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Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I ask what the object of giving kumki privileges is, if they are to be assigned without the consent of the wargdar ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" That is a matter of opinion, Sir, really."

Assignment of kumki lands in Derebail village.

* 886-B Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total extent of S. No. 22 of Derebail village, Mangalore taluk, South Kanara district ;

(*b*) how much of it is kumki ;

(*c*) what is the portion already assigned out of it (i) which is kumki, (ii) which is non-kumki ;

(*d*) to how many persons it has been so assigned ;

(*e*) what are the terms of the grant ;

(*f*) when were the assignments made ;

(*g*) how many have built houses on it or otherwise complied with the terms of the grant ;

(*h*) what is the remaining extent now, and how much of it is kumki and to how many owners they belong ;

(*i*) whether it is a fact that even this extent of kumki is proposed to be assigned away to third parties ;

(*j*) whether it is a fact that criminal force and intimidation are being or intended to be used by the local authorities to overawe the owners ; and

(*k*) whether Government propose to stop this assignment of the kumki portion at once ; if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) 68·80 acres, according to the Survey and Settlement Register of the village prepared in 1904.

(*b*) *to* (*k*) The Government have not the information asked for ; they do not propose to call for a report or intervene in the matter unless any person interested appeals to them in the usual course.

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I ask why Government refuse to call for a report in respect of clauses (*b*) to (*i*) of the question, whatever may be said with respect to (*j*) and (*k*) ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Because it all depends on the circumstances of the case. If people who are aggrieved will appeal, we can take definite action and pass definite orders. A general report will take us nowhere."

Assignment of lands in the Vavveru reserve to the depressed classes.

*887 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have abandoned the idea of giving lands of Vavveru reserve in Nellore district to the depressed classes ; and if so, why ;

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(*b*) whether they propose to open a cattle and agricultural farm there; and

(*c*) whether the Government have come to any decision on the question of providing irrigation facilities for those lands?

A.—(*a*) No. The question is under consideration.
(*b*) Not at present.
(*c*) The Government have recently approved the investigation of a scheme to provide irrigation under the Kanigiri Reservoir of the Sangam delta, for certain disafforested lands in Vavveru and other villages.

Constitution of Districts, Divisions and Taluks

Alleged memorial regarding the transfer of the Thekkalur village to the Avanashi taluk.

*888 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the residents of Thekkalur village of Palladam taluk in the Coimbatore district have sent a memorial to the Board of Revenue that their village may be transferred to the Avanashi taluk;

(*b*) whether the Board of Revenue have disposed of the memorial and, if so, to what effect; and

(*c*) whether Government have any proposal before them regarding this matter and, if not, whether they have any objection to consider the same?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Board of Revenue.
(*c*) No. The Government will consider any proposals that the Board of Revenue may submit on the subject.

Economic Condition

Report about the condition of villages in Godavari and Kistna districts.

*889 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report referred to in the answer to my question No. 531 answered on 11th October 1928 regarding enquiries into the condition of villages in Godavari and Kistna districts, has been received; and

(*b*) if so, whether it will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.

Floods

Damages caused at Tuni and adjacent villages by recent floods.

*890 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the stream running between Tuni in East Godavari district and Payakaraopeta, flowed to a height of nearly 20 feet over the railway bridge and inundated the adjacent villages of Tuni and Payakaraopeta;